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For: MANAGEMENT OF A NETWORK ELEMENT USING MANAGED OBJECTS IN A
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-3 and 5-10 stand presently rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett et al. (US Patent No. 5,189,733) in view of Mishra (US Patent No. 6,339,587). Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett in view of Mishra and further in view of Finni (US Patent No. 5,941,978).

Independent claim 1 is directed to a method that involves swapping managed objects.

Pursuant to MPEP § 2111.01 (under the heading "Plain Meaning' Refers To The Meaning Given To The Term By Those Of Ordinary Skill In The Art" on page 2100-48),